

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Amend the specification as follows:

Replace the paragraph beginning at line 5, page 20, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A depression switch provided on a substrate ~~recited in claim 1 relating to the present invention~~ comprises a key top which is provided in a case fixed on the substrate so as to be movable in a vertical direction; an elastically deformable movable contact piece which is abutted against the key top moved downward and has a substantially upside down concave-shaped cross-sectional configuration; one fixed electrode which is provided below an end portion of the movable contact piece on the substrate; the other fixed electrode which is provided at a position of being capable of contacting the central portion of the elastically deformed movable contact piece on the substrate; and a spacer for electrically connecting the end portion of the movable contact piece to the one fixed electrode.

Replace the paragraph beginning at line 18, page 20, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In according with the depression switch ~~of claim 2 relating to the present invention, in the depression switch of claim 1~~, the movable contact piece is formed in a substantially circular dome shape, and the one fixed electrode and the spacer are desirably formed in a substantially annular body.

Replace the paragraph beginning at line 23, page 20, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In the case of the depression switch ~~of claims 1 and 2~~, the spacer can be interposed between the end portion of the movable contact piece and one fixed electrode. Thus, a stroke for the central portion of the movable contact piece to be elastically deformed can be extended. This leads to excellent effects in which a comfortable feeling of click at the time of depression operation can be obtained, and thus the operability is improved. Further, by changing the thickness of the spacer, the feeling of click can be changed.

Replace the paragraph beginning at line 7, page 21, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In accordance with the depression switch ~~of claim 3 relating to the present invention, in the depression switch of claim 1 or 2~~, the case is provided with a concave portion for the movable contact piece of the depression switch to be fitted into, and the spacer of the depression switch is desirably provided with engagement means for engaging with the case.

Replace the paragraph beginning at line 13, page 21, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In the case of such depression switch ~~of claim 3~~, the movable contact piece is positioned by the concave portion and the spacer. Accordingly, disassembling of the movable contact piece is eliminated and contact failure of the movable contact piece can be prevented.

Replace the paragraph beginning at line 18, page 21, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In accordance with the depression switch of ~~claim 4 relating to the present invention~~, in the ~~depression switch of claim 1, 2 or 3~~, the case is provided with a fitting portion for the key top to be slidably fitted into, and the fitting portion is disposed so that the key top is capable of contacting the central portion of the movable contact piece.

Replace the paragraph beginning at line 24, page 21, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In the case of such depression switch ~~of claim 4~~, the key top is positioned by the fitting portion. As a result, it is possible to eliminate the case in which the key top does not abut the central portion of the movable contact piece.

Replace the paragraph beginning at line 3, page 22, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A multidirectional input device ~~of claim 5 relating to the present invention~~ comprises a case fixed on a substrate; a pair of upper and lower rotating members supported within the case so as to be rotatable in an X-Y direction; an operating member which penetrates elongated holes provided respectively at central portions of the pair of upper and lower rotating members and extended in a Y-X direction, which rotates the respective rotating members by being operated in a peripheral direction and which is capable of performing a depression operation; a holding mechanism for elastically holding the operating member and/or the rotating members at neutral positions; a pair of signal detecting means for detecting signals corresponding to rotation angles of the rotating

members; and a depression switch ~~of claim 1, 2, 3 or 4~~ switched by the depression operation of the operation member, wherein a key top of the depression switch is provided below the operating member so as to penetrate a bottom plate portion of the case and to be movable in a vertical direction. Because of such structure, the same effects as those in the depression switch can be obtained.